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	Regulated Utility (NWE, MDU)	Unregulated Utility (City of Great Falls)	Unregulated Merchant Facility
Power Plant	PSC regulation with MCC review. Advanced approval applications will incorporate rate review.	No independent third party review of costs or potential rate effects on consumers.	FERC regulation, primarily under market-based tariff. Power sold at wholesale. No <u>direct</u> consumer effect.
Transmission Lines	Transmission projects are bundled as routine capital expenditures. Costs are incorporated into rate base through general rate cases by PSC with MCC review.	No independent third party review of costs or potential rate effects on consumers. FERC does not oversee governmental or coop transmission.	FERC regulation of IOU transmission. Power wheeled for wholesale purposes. No <u>direct</u> consumer effect.